Punjab pepsico project

2301. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab-Pepsico project was referred to the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies; if so, when; and

(b) what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The application of M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for a joint venture with one of the Tata Companies and PEPSICO Inc., USA for the manufacture of various processed foods and soft drink concentrates, was received by the Department of Food from the Department of Industrial Development in July, 1986 for comments which were furnished in November, 1986.

TV stations in the country

2302. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TV Stations in the country alongwith the capacity and distance covered by each station;

(b) how many of them are single channel and how many of them are multichannel;

(c) the number of stations likely to have second channel in near future; and

(d) by when all the stations are likely to be multichannel?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Of the 258 TV transmitters operating in the country at present, three transmitters relay second channel service. The various types of transmitters in service and their service range are given below:—

Type of transmitter	Number of transmitters functioning	Service Range (including areas getting useable signals) (in Kms)
High Power (10 KW) Transmitter	44 (including one second channel transmitter)	120
High Power (1 KW)	9 (including two transmitters)	60
Low Power (100 W) Transmitter	188	25
Very Low Power (2x10 W) Transmitter	17	8

(c) One, Sir.

(d) The scheme for introduction of second channel service is at present confined to the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

Council for Public Service Communications

2303. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a council for Public Service Communication (Lok Seva Sanchar Parishad) in January, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the aims and objects of the above Council and what are the names of representatives of media advertising agency and Government associated with the above council;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Director General Doordarshan has given the first film for the Council titled 'Torch Capsule Freedom Run' to M/s. O.B.M. without consulting the members of the Council or inviting propo-